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INTRODUCTION OF TRAINS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways also introduce, extend and increase the frequency of more trains other than those announced in the budget and during festival occasions to meet the demands/ requests received from various quarters;

(b) If so, the details and clear cut policy in this regard;

(c)The details of representations/requests received from various quarters in this regard during the current year; and

(d) the present status of each representation/ request alongwith procedure/criteria followed for their fulfilment?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Introduction of new passenger services depends upon many factors like demand, quantum of traffic, commercial justification, availability of coaches and locomotives, operational feasibility, line capacity & terminal constraints, repercussions on essential freight traffic, development of infrastructure and availability of resources etc. During the current year the following services other than those announced in Budget 2006-07 have been provided till date:-

(Trains in single)

Introduction	Extension - Increase in Frequency
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However, Railways also make adequate arrangements to clear the extra rush of traffic during peak seasons like summers, winters, festivals, holidays, melas, vacations etc. which include running of special trains, augmentation of existing services and also increase in frequency which depends upon pattern of traffic, commercial justification, availability of resources etc. Being a continuous process as well as due to the factors stated above, the number of special trains run varies from year to year.

(c) & (d): Requests for introduction of new train services are received at various levels viz. division level, headquarter level and Railway Board level. These requests are received continuously throughout the year and action as feasible is taken. However, this voluminous data is not compiled.